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1. DOUGLAS-HOME'S REMARKS ABOUT A BOUBLE STANDARD IN INDIA'S PROTESTS OVER DIEGO GARCIA APPEAR TO HAVE RAISED HACKLES HERE. AS REPORTED FROM A FOREIGN MINISTRY BACKGROUNDER, SWARAN SINGH TOLD A PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 11 THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF PROTESTING AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE IT HAD NO BASE IN THE AREA. WESTERN MEDIA HAD ALLEGED THE SOVIETS HAD BASES AT VISHAKHAPATNEM AND SOCOTRA. BUT THE GOI HAD MADE CLEAR ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THESE REPORTS WERE FALSE AND SOUTH YEOLN HAD TAKEN DIPLOMATS TO SOCOTRA TO SEE THERE WAS NO SIVIET PRESENCE.

2. SINGH SAID INDIA IS IN TOUCH WITH LITTORAL STATES. THEIR OPPOSITION TO DIEGO GARCIA IS LIKELY TO BE FOCUSED THROUGH THE UN AD HOC COMMITTEE WHICH WILL MEET SHORTLY.
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